

## Belfast City Council Notice of Motion Database

Ref	Type	Meeting Date	Motion Title	Proposed by	Reporting Committee	Reporting Officer	Lead Department	Status	Status Update
7	Notice of Motion	09/04/2018	<a href="#">Childcare Strategy</a>	Cllr Mal O'Hara	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Recommend Close	The NI Executive are moving forward with the Childcare Strategy with the recent announcement by the Dept of Education (on 16 May 2025) that £55million would be invested in early learning and childcare in 2025-26. DoE Minister also announced that the Northern Ireland Childcare Subsidy Scheme will now be extended to include school age children from 1 September 2025. In this context and given the limited role or responsibility of Council around childcare provision, it is proposed that this Motion is recommended for closure.
23	Notice of Motion	01/07/2019	<a href="#">Removal of Banners and Paramilitary Flags in Belfast</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Since the decision by SP&R in 2019, the FICT report commissioned by the Executive was published which covers similar issues. Extensive consultation was undertaken between 2016 - 19 on this and the contents of this report have the agreement of the 5 main political parties represented on the Commission Report to be brought to CMT and potentially Party Group.
25	Issue Raised in Advance	23/08/2019	<a href="#">Abortion Imagery</a>	Cllr Aine Groogan	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Officers are engaging with the Department for Communities regarding the revised draft byelaws that relate specifically to arrangements for special events, such as the Fleadh. A further report will be brought to SP&R in February outlining options for the remaining revised byelaws, including proposals for separate byelaws to address the display of graphic imagery.
35	Notice of Motion	02/12/2019	<a href="#">Pridestrian Animation</a>	Cllr Matt Garrett	SP&R	Keith Forster	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Following the September meeting of SP&R Committee, officers contacted DfI Western Division in relation to the existing pride flag crossing at the Foyle Bridge in Derry-Londonderry. The Department confirmed that careful consideration was given before permitting the rainbow markings on Foyle Embankment, (which were installed in 2021) to make sure it did not conflict Traffic Signs regulations. Following the introduction of the coloured markings, safety concerns were raised from a number of sources including IMTAC. DfI subsequently decided that following the representation from IMTAC, that no further such installations would take place. On a local level, the DfI Western Division confirmed that they were unaware of any safety issues that members of the public have experienced at the Foyle Embankment crossing; however, they recognise that the concerns raised by IMTAC are often of a sensory and perception nature and that these issues may not always be reported to the Department and that the absence of a reported problem may not mean that the issue does not exist. On a practical level, the Department also highlighted the durability of such markings ( <a href="https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/3MJC9q2fKM92gFofqHQPe8?domain=google.co.uk">https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/3MJC9q2fKM92gFofqHQPe8?domain=google.co.uk</a> ). Further contact is being made with the Eastern Division to understand the latest status of the pedestrianisation of Union Street and discuss options for alternative designs like those implemented elsewhere in the UK and Ireland.
49	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	<a href="#">Market Gardens and Urban Farming</a>	Cllr Seamas de Faoite	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Climate Team have established a Belfast Sustainable Food Partnership, which is currently developing a sustainable food strategy for the city and will consider the potential for market gardens and urban farming in the city as part of this. Also links with Right to Grow motion. The UPSURGE and UP2030 projects are also looking at the use of green space and nature based solutions, and will include community and urban food growing opportunities. Engagement to develop Sustainable Food Strategy completed with Area Working Groups in February/March 2025 - draft strategy under review.
50	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	<a href="#">Belfast Zoo</a>	Cllr Conor Maskey	SP&R	Keith Forster	Place & Economy	Ongoing	At the June 2025 meeting of the CG&R Committee, members requested a specific governance structure be established to look at a range of issues within Belfast Zoo. An initial meeting of the Zoo Long-Term Financial Sustainability Group was held on Wednesday 10th December 2025, the minutes of which were reported to the January 2026 meeting of the CG&R Committee. This motion will be addressed by this group.
51	Notice of Motion	03/02/2020	<a href="#">Growth Deal</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Sharon McNicholl	Corporate Services	Ongoing	To be progressed as resources become available
131	Notice of Motion	02/11/2020	<a href="#">Sealing of the Records of Mother and Baby Homes</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Response from Irish Gov still outstanding - 06/09/21
176	Notice of Motion	04/05/2021	<a href="#">Mater Hospital Services</a>	Cllr Fiona Ferguson	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	This motion related to provision of services during the pandemic - this was resolved with services returning to normal from November 2022. 12.03.23 This motion recommendation for closure was rejected at Feb 2023 SP&R and therefore remains on-going
187	Notice of Motion	01/06/2021	<a href="#">Local Government Pension Scheme - Responsible Investment Strategy</a>	Cllr Ryan Murphy	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letter sent 2/7/21. Meeting with NLGOSC requested by SP and R 20/8/21 - to be arranged
199	Notice of Motion	01/09/2021	<a href="#">Four-Day Working Week</a>	Cllr Matt Garrett	SP&R	Christine Sheridan	Human Resources	Ongoing	There is a scheduled workshop on the NOM for management and Trade Unions on 26 March 2026.
203	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	<a href="#">Electric Charging Points</a>	Ald George Dorrian	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Responses from Ministers being considered by officers
209	Notice of Motion	04/10/2021	<a href="#">Environmentally Sustainable Event Spaces</a>	Cllr Matt Garrett	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	A report is required to SP&R Committee to outline the next steps. Progressing.
228	Notice of Motion	10/01/2022	<a href="#">Playing Pitches in Belfast</a>	Cllr David Brooks	SP&R	David Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	It is anticipated that a draft Pitches Strategy report will be presented to P&C Committee in Spring 2026.
235	Notice of Motion	22/02/2022	<a href="#">Energy Price Crises</a>	Cllr Brian Smyth	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The Belfast Local Area Energy Plan provides an evidence base which will help to inform investment in community energy schemes. The Plan specifically includes an action to support community energy organisations to develop rooftop solar PV installations and engage in area based retrofit projects. In parallel discussions are ongoing with projects such as Edenderry District Energy initiative, to explore opportunities to support community ambitions. A new permanent post has been created within the team specifically to support delivery of the LAEP effect Jan 2025 and a new Net Zero Officer is under recruitment. This will provide additional capacity to support energy projects. The development of a neighbourhood retrofit pathfinder project is being progressed through the Retrofit Hub and discussions are ongoing with DFC and DFE regarding support for this project. We are also engaging with the Advice NI supported community planning project in Mount Vernon and exploring how Council might support delivery of emerging community energy projects in this area. A solar PV and battery system is being installed on Donegal Pass Community Centre and a solar PV web portal is being developed to provide information on the rooftop solar potential in the UP2030 project area.
243	Notice of Motion	14/03/2022	<a href="#">Cost of Living</a>	Cllr Matt Garrett	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	The 2024-2025 Hardship Programme has been delivered. SP&R Committee to allocate in-year underspend of £75k as a top-up to Family Support Hubs across the city. Refresh Cost-of-Living Support Guide disseminated across the city signposting those in need to sources of support and advice. Second session with the citywide 'Anti-Poverty Network' is scheduled for January 2026. This forum brings together those agencies and organisations who provide much needed support to those impacted by poverty within the city, to share information, discuss opportunities to collaborate and importantly help strengthen working relationships.
264	Issue Raised in Advance	19/08/2022	<a href="#">Electric Vehicle Charging Points Strategy</a>	Cllr Michael Long	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	An internal task and finish working group continue to coordinate work on the implementation of phase 1 and phase 2 of the Low Emission Vehicle Strategy which will allow Council to bring forward locations for low emissions infrastructure investment. Site assessment and market testing has been completed. A tender is being prepared based on a concession
284	Issue Raised in Advance	18/11/2022	<a href="#">Use of the Ceremony Room, City Hall</a>	Cllr Michelle Kelly	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	A report on the potential reinstatement of the Ceremony Room to be submitted to a future Committee meeting.
297	Notice of Motion	05/01/2023	<a href="#">Comber Greenway</a>	Cllr Anthony Flynn	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Project has significant resource and financial implications. Officers are starting the process of reengaging with DfI on the Comber Greenway.
298	Notice of Motion	05/01/2023	<a href="#">School Street Schemes</a>	Cllr Seamas de Faoite	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Letters issued to DfI on 17 April 2023 in relation to Rosetta Way "quietway" and also to DAERA on 12 Feb 2024 re School Streets Air Quality but no letter specifically on School Streets Schemes appears to have been issued to DfI
305	Notice of Motion	24/01/2023	<a href="#">Support for striking Health Workers</a>	Cllr Matt Collins	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Adopted at Standards and Business Committee. Progress to be reported to SP&R
308	Notice of Motion	21/02/2023	<a href="#">Overdose Prevention Facility in Belfast</a>	Cllr Mal O'Hara	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	At SP&R on 24th November 2023 the Committee agreed that, at the request of Councillor Smyth, that a report be submitted at its next monthly meeting with specific reference made to meetings held, legal advice sought and partners engaged with - see no. 346 for reference. A report was brought back to SP&R in January 2024. The Committee noted the contents of the report and that engagement would continue to take place with all the relevant agencies and stakeholders to advocate for such a facility in Belfast.
319	Issue Raised in Advance	27/06/2023	<a href="#">CPR Training and Circuit</a>	Cllr Christina Black	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	The Committee agreed to adopt the motion, with a report to be submitted to a future meeting outlining how it could be facilitated.
326	Issue Raised in Advance	18/08/2023	<a href="#">Data Protection</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Agreed at SP&R that a report will be brought back to Committee
330	Notice of Motion	29/08/2023	<a href="#">Clean Indoor Air Motion</a>	Cllr Jenna Maghie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	The Committee agreed to adopt the motion, with a report to be submitted to a future meeting outlining how it could be managed, resourced, and facilitated.
331	Notice of Motion	29/08/2023	<a href="#">Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	SP&R	Trevor Wallace	Finance & Resources	Ongoing	Update August 24: At the request of Councillor Collins, the Council agreed that the Motion on Save West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness which had been recommended for closure, remained open and be brought back to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for further discussion. A paper was brought to SP&R on 19th April where committee further discussed and agreed that the request be dealt with via the discretionary payments process. The Discretionary payment processed opened at the end of June and closed on 2nd August. Again, West Wellbeing Suicide Awareness did not apply for funding. Update Jan 25 - at Dec Ctee meeting it was decided that this would remain open
337	Notice of Motion	26/09/2023	<a href="#">Right to Food Campaign</a>	Cllr Paul Doherty	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Response presented to SP and R 24/11/23 - Referred to Social Policy Working Group
347	Notice of Motion	28/11/2023	<a href="#">Cost of School Uniforms and P.E. Kits</a>	Cllr Sarah Bunting	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	
356	Notice of Motion	04/01/2024	<a href="#">Memorial Wall - Covid-19</a>	Cllr Emmett McDonough	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Discussed at the City Hall/ City Hall Grounds Installations Working Group on 18 November 2025.
358	Notice of Motion	04/01/2024	<a href="#">Ulster Bank Closures</a>	Cllr Geraldine McAteer	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Required letters were sent on 19th January 2024

360	Notice of Motion	23/01/2024	<a href="#">Transparency by Default at Belfast City Council</a>	Cllr Gary McKeown	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic	Ongoing	Motion referred to SP&R
361	Notice of Motion	23/01/2024	<a href="#">Rights-based Ethical Procurement Policy</a>	Cllr Bronagh Anglin	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Motion referred to SP&R. The draft Ethical Procurement Policy is currently under consideration by the Social Value Policy working group which is due to meet on 17th June 2025.
385	Notice of Motion	30/04/2024	<a href="#">Plant Based Councils Initiative</a>	Cllr Anthony Flynn	SP&R	John Tully	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	Internal engagement with Procurement around how to take this forward ongoing. Report to SP&R in due course. To be considered as part of a Council Sustainable Food Policy which is under development.
395	Issue Raised in Advance	24/05/2024	<a href="#">Transfer of Powers - Licensing of Bus Tour Operators in the City</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Discussions ongoing with DFI in relation to bus tour operators generally.
396	Issue Raised in Advance	24/05/2024	<a href="#">Connection of Water Supply to Social Homes</a>	Cllr Michael Donnelly	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
402	Issue Raised in Advance	20/09/2024	<a href="#">Sunday Trading - Pilot Scheme</a>	Cllr Sam Nelson	SP&R	Kate Bentley	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Following Council's decision in July 2025, a public consultation will be launched in February to progress the Holiday Resort designation citywide, enabling extended Sunday trading hours.
407	Notice of Motion	24/10/2024	<a href="#">Blood and Bone Marrow Donations</a>	Cllr Christine Bower	SP&R	Christine Sheridan	Human Resources	Recommend Close	Recommended for closure (category 1) Corporate HR have worked with our Internal Communications Team to raise awareness on blood and bone marrow donations across the organisation, including an article on Interlink on organ and stem cell donations, details on how to register to become an organ or stem cell donor and how the process works. After a very successful blood donation session in City Hall last year, another session is planned before the summer.
409	Notice of Motion	24/10/2024	<a href="#">NILGOSC - Disposal of Government Bonds</a>	Cllr Carl Whyte	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
411	Issue Raised in Advance	25/10/2024	<a href="#">Fundraising box at the City Hall Christmas Tree</a>	Cllr Gary McKeown	SP&R	Nora Largey	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	
417	Notice of Motion	21/11/2024	<a href="#">Addressing Educational Inequalities in Belfast</a>	Cllr David Bell	SP&R	John Tully	Place & Economy	Ongoing	Engagement continues with Departmental Officials and designated RAISE locality coordinators in the context of the Belfast Agenda and Community Planning partnership structures.
432	Notice of Motion	20/02/2025	<a href="#">Action to Address Empty Homes</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	SP&R	Kate Bentley	City & Organisational Strategy	Ongoing	This motion is being progressed by the Planning and Building Control and City Regeneration and Development directorates, and a report will be brought to a future meeting.
433	Notice of Motion	20/02/2025	<a href="#">Developing a Sponsorship and Philanthropy Network in Belfast</a>	Cllr Michael Long	SP&R	John Tully	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Work continues on the development of a draft Corporate Social Responsibility Framework which will reflect the intention behind the NOM (developing a sponsorship and philanthropy network in Belfast). Engagement planned for early 2026 with Social Policy Working Group. Party Groups leaders and Members to help inform the emerging thinking
439	Issue Raised in Advance	21/03/2025	<a href="#">LORAG - Youth Club Development - Council Land</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Assignment of the Lease from The Trustees of St John Vianney to LORAG has been completed on 25th November 2025 however Ministerial consent is pending. Application on process for less than best rent value being applied.
440	Issue Raised in Advance	21/03/2025	<a href="#">Bi-weekly meeting of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee: Efficiency/Consultancy Paper</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Workshop taking place 13/06/25.
446	Notice of Motion	28/04/2025	<a href="#">Pathways to Work Green Paper</a>	Cllr Paul Doherty	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Democratic Services sent letter to OFMDFM & Minister for Communities on 15/05/25. Awaiting response.
447	Notice of Motion	28/04/2025	<a href="#">US War Planes out of Belfast</a>	Cllr Michael Collins	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Democratic Services sent letter to OFMDFM, Westminster Government and Aldergrove Airport re NOM - Awaiting response.
448	Notice of Motion	28/04/2025	<a href="#">National Famine Commemoration Day</a>	Cllr Conor McKay	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	Democratic Services sent letter to Irish Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media on 15/05/25. Awaiting response.
455	Issue Raised in Advance	23/05/2025	<a href="#">The installation of dual-language signage in Olympia, including GLL/BETTER information.</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Progressing.
456	Issue Raised in Advance	23/05/2025	<a href="#">The installation of dual-language signage on the Forth-Meadow Greenway</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Signage package out to tender at present. Tender returned expected mid December 2025 with a view to appointing a contractor.
457	Issue Raised in Advance	23/05/2025	<a href="#">An update on the next stage in the development</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
474	Notice of Motion	23/10/2025	<a href="#">Together - Building a United Community Strategy</a>	Cllr Sam Nelson	SP&R	Sinead Grimes	Property & Projects	Ongoing	Ongoing.
478	Notice of Motion	23/10/2025	<a href="#">Parents' Attendance Records at Council</a>	Cllr Jenna Maghie	SP&R	Nora Largey	Legal & Civic Services	Ongoing	
479	Issue Raised in Advance	24/10/2025	<a href="#">Levels of criminality and violence in the City Centre</a>	Cllr Ciaran Beattie	SP&R	David Sales	City & Neighbourhood Services	Recommend Close	Recommend to Close (Category 1) As requested a multi agency meeting was held on the 8th Dec 25.